

**PATENT**  
**Attorney Docket No: PD-201021**  
**Customer No: 20991**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: John BORDER et al.  
 Application No: 09/905,215  
 Filed: July 13, 2001  
 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING  
 CONNECTION HANDLING

Art Unit: 2136  
 Examiner: Brandon S. HOFFMAN

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.
- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.
- ☒ The fee for claims is calculated below.

	CLAIMS AS AMENDED					ADDITIONAL FEE
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TOTAL CLAIMS	56 -	57 =	0 x	\$ 50.00 =		\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 -	4 =	0 x	\$ 200.00 =		\$ 0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			N (Y/N)	\$ 360.00 =		\$ 0.00
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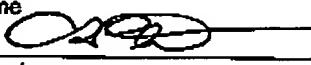
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**Introductory Comments:**

This is in response to the Office Action dated 3-7/2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-57 are pending in the present application.

This application is being amended as follows. Consideration of these amendments and the remarks provided herein are respectfully requested.